

Replies to Letters of Members of Parliament

507. SHRI RAM SAGAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of letters pertaining to the affairs of the private and public sector banks received by the Government and the Governor, Reserve Bank of India from the Members of Parliament during 1996 till date;

(b) the number of letters still pending for final replies;

(c) the reasons for delay in giving replies thereto; and

(d) the time by which the replies to the pending letters are likely to be sent?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Mahila Courts

508. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Mahila Courts have been set up in Delhi two years ago to deal with the cases related to crimes against women;

(b) if so, the number of such courts set up and their locations;

(c) whether these courts are over burdened with cases;

(d) if so, the number of cases pending finalisation with these courts as on date;

(e) the reasons for the accumulation of such a large number of cases; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to expeditious settlement of the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (b). As per information available, 4 Mahila courts, one court of Additional Sessions Judge at Tis Hazari and 3 Court of Metropolitan Magistrates, one court each at Tis Hazari, New Delhi and Karkardooma (Shahdara) are functioning with effect from 1.9.1994.

(c) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Export Centres

509. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any detailed feasibility report from the Government of

Kerala and other states on identified centres to be developed as Export Intensive Areas for necessary clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Ministry of Commerce has received feasibility reports from Government of Kerala for Aroor and Kalavoor to be developed as Export Intensive Areas in Karala. The Government of India had considered the formulation of a scheme for infrastructure support to Export Intensive Areas in 1994. However, the proposed scheme was not approved by the Planning Commission. The objectives sought to be achieved through infrastructure support to Export Intensive Areas have been incorporated under the new scheme titled 'Crucial Balancing Investment Scheme'.

Proposals for removal of infrastructure bottlenecks for exports from the Government of Kerala and other states have been considered under the 'Crucial Balancing Investment Scheme' of this Ministry. The empowered committee granted in principle approval for Government of India's participation to the extent of 1.05 crores for Aroor, for which certain clarifications have been sought from the Government of Kerala. The proposal for Kalavoor was, however, not accepted and the State Government was advised to take it up as a separate plan scheme in consultation with the Ministry of Industry, Government of India.

Confederation of Indian Industry

510. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO :

SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a delegation on behalf of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) visited China in September, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the result of the talks between CII delegation of India and the representatives of the All China Federation of Industry and Commerce; and

(c) the reaction of the Government to the outcome of this bilateral talks at non-official level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.